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REPUBLICAN TICKET STATE.

For Justice of the Supreme Court
F. A. MOORE.
For State Food and Dairy Commissioner,
J. W. BAILEY.
For Presidential Electors,
J. M. HART,
JAS. A. FEE,
GRANT B. DIMICK,
A. C. HOUGH.
CONGRESSIONAL.
For Member of Congress—First District,
BINGER HERMANN.
Second District,
J. N. WILLIAMSON.

MARION COUNTY TICKET.

County Judge—John H. Scott.
Sheriff—W. J. Culver.
Clerk—John W. Roland.
Assessor—Fred J. Rice.
Treasurer—W. Y. Richardson.
Recorder—John C. Slegmund.
School Supt.—E. T. Moores.
Commissioner—F. C. Needham.
Surveyor—B. B. Herrick.
Coroner—A. M. Clough.
Representatives—Jos. Calvert, Hubbard; J. G. Graham and T. B. Kay.
Salem; John Ritchie, Scotts Mills; Jesse H. Settlemeier, Woodburn.
COMMITTEEMEN.
Chairman State Central Committee—Frank C. Baker, Portland.
Chairman Congressional Central Committee—Walter L. Tonzee, Woodburn.
Member State Central Committee—Hal D. Patton, Salem.
Chairman County Central Committee—Chas. A. Murphy, Salem.

Dates of Events.

June 15, 16 and 17—Department of Oregon, G. A. R., in annual reunion at Hood River.
May 2—Oregon Federation of Labor, Oregon City.
May 2—Supreme court, Pendleton.
May 4—General M. E. conference, Los Angeles.
May 18-21—I. O. O. F. grand lodge, Astoria.
June 6—General election in Oregon.
June 15, 16, 17—Oregon encampment G. A. R., Hood River.
August 22-27—American Mining Congress, Portland.

WHY BUSINESS MEN WANTED HERMANN.

In the late struggle for the nomination for congressman from this district, the cooler and more level-headed business men wanted Hermann.

Congressman Hermann was the choice of the people who had actual and prospective business before the national congress.

Nearly every business man in Salem wanted Hermann renominated, not for any personal reasons, but because they wanted things done for Salem.

The Salem Indian school needs appropriations. The Salem water front needs an appropriation. The Salem postoffice needs an appropriation.

There is no sentiment about this matter. To get these appropriations needs years of experience, years of work in the future.

THE CITY OF SALEM WILL HAVE IN THE TWO YEARS OF CONGRESSIONAL SERVICE, BEGINNING WITH MR. HERMANN'S NEXT TERM BETWEEN \$100,000 AND \$200,000 TO GET FROM CONGRESS.

A congressman who will get these

things is of far more importance to this community than any sentimental political considerations.

In this fight the Salem business men fought for the renomination of Hermann as a Salem consideration, and other counties did the same.

The average business man wants business. He was not fighting for Hermann from the standpoint of some future combination on state politics.

Business men generally want no nominations or elections, and had no trades to make on governorships or United States senatorships.

They simply fought for Hermann's renomination, as they would fight to elect a mayor who would put this city to the front in the best shape.

As a member of an efficient working delegation in congress, Binger Hermann was entitled to be returned.

Those who sincerely preferred some one else had a perfect right to their views, and are as loyal to Salem interests as anyone.

BUT THE BUSINESS MEN AND THE BUSINESS INTERESTS OF THE COMMUNITY HAD A RIGHT TO SEEK PROTECTION AND PROMOTION THROUGH MR. HERMANN.

No one will deny that he is capable of doing the work he is sent to congress for, and Salem and Marion county will make no mistake in giving him enthusiastic and hearty support.

The Journal believes that Hermann will have a good old-fashioned Republican majority in this county, and the late supporters of Mr. Harris will do their part to give it to him.

FOR A CITY LIBRARY.

The Journal cannot agree with the Statesman on some of its political movements, but on whatever is for the progress of Salem we heartily second all its work.

Its fight for a city library meets with our hearty approval and this paper believes that this city should not only erect a library building, but put in and maintain one of the best libraries in the state.

The state library now is for the legal profession only. The state library should be for all the people alike, and should not be composed of the books of one profession more than another.

NO OTHER STATE IN THE UNION THAT WE KNOW OF MAINTAINS A STATE LIBRARY FOR THE BENEFIT OF ONE PROFESSION AS OREGON DOES.

The state library should be put in a fireproof building at least a block from the state house, and the city should help maintain a library there.

Of course, the city can build and maintain distinctively a city library for the people of this city. But a city and state library combined would be a grand combination.

A SOUND POSITION.

The position of The Journal, that it will not allow anonymous correspondents to attack other newspapers, or citizens, is commended by some of the best newspapers in the state.

To allow some cowardly correspondent to call our esteemed contemporary a liar in print in The Journal, and probably take favors at his hands at the same time, seems to us the height of absurdity and injustice.

If an editor wrongs a private citizen or misrepresents any matter he ought to have the first opportunity to get right, and make the proper correction.

The Journal will thank anyone for calling its attention to any misrepresentation it has made, and will cheerfully "toss up, and do so no more, if it has been guilty, and it is sometimes.

No newspaper can express itself freely on hundreds of matters and make no mistakes as to public policies and public men and private citizens, and when it does it is the manly part to admit it, and make good.

Every word in The Journal is written or prepared in the 24 hours covered by the date of its publication. Why, in forty columns of matter, there is room for forty errors.

So we shall adhere to our resolution to not permit the anonymous scribe to rake his fellowman in these columns, nor the esteemed contemporary. We can do all that sort of thing, and then he will know where it is coming from.

FAVORS SUNDAY CLOSING.

The Southern Oregon Presbytery adopted resolutions at Ashland favoring closing the Portland Exposition on Sunday.

The right of any denomination must be conceded to recommend such observance of the Sabbath as it sees fit to its own membership.

To what extent that right would be admitted by its own members is not certain. Even some good Presbyterians might rebel.

The Presbyterian creeds have gradually relaxed their rigor in dealing with the souls of sinners in the next world and in this.

IN STANDING FOR SABBATH OBSERVANCE THE CHURCH DOES ITS DUTY AND WHAT IT BELIEVES TO BE RIGHT. ITS ONLY ERROR IS IN DICTATING TO OTHERS.

A large part of the people can see that fair only on Sundays. Another large part prefer to see it on Sundays.

The more liberal and intelligent appreciation of the Sabbath does not confine its enjoyment to church-going.

If left to a vote of the people whether there should be a strict puritanical observance of the Sabbath, nine-tenths would vote for an open Sunday.

The world is growing better, and there are such diversity of human interests and human views that the dictum of no one denomination counts.

Above all let this country remain a free country with elbow room for all.

SALEM PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

At the end of this biennial period the Salem public schools will show an increased attendance of about two hundred pupils.

This increased attendance is mostly in the higher grades, and many children are coming to Salem public schools and paying tuition.

Preceding this biennial term the attendance of the Salem public schools ran down, especially in the higher grades.

The change has been accomplished by the labors of City Supt. Traver, and without increasing taxation or materially increasing teachers' pay.

This proves that the best public schools are the cheapest, and that the best public schools are not inconsistent with sound finance.

To have the reputation of having the best public schools in the state and paying the best wages to teachers would be still more desirable.

The people should fight for these things uncompromisingly, and take no steps backward in lowering the grades or lowering wages of teachers.

Low wages means to keep teachers who are not wanted elsewhere, and to have schools that do advertise Salem to the world as a progressive city. The people do not want either. The world should seek our schools and our teachers.

OUTRAGEOUS INHUMANITY.

Reports come from John Day, Grant county, of the killing of sheep on account of quarrels between sheep and stock men over pastureage.

It seems there are disputes as to who has the right to run sheep or stock on the public lands, and the owners take out their revenge on the poor dumb brutes.

After telling of shooting into one band of sheep and killing thirty and wounding as many more, the report tells of a second raid on the helpless animals, who are not to blame for being there. It says:

"About 90 were reported as killed outright, and as many more crippled so badly that they had better been killed. The more or less badly wounded retard the movements of the herd and make the task of caring for the bunch among which they are herded a most difficult one."

Consider the brutality of firing into a helpless mass of sheep and lambs, killing many and wounding many more that are to drag along in a more or less crippled condition.

Why don't the owners of the herds of cattle and sheep who are at strife go after each other with their guns,

instead of pumping lead into animals that cannot help themselves.

What right-minded person can eat mutton, knowing that such inhumanity is practiced in caring for the flocks and herds? They are often allowed to starve and linger in misery for months to enrich a cruel and avaricious owner.

If we knew the suffering that animals are compelled to undergo, to meet man's greed and inhumanity, few would want to eat mutton or beef or even wear woolens.

But the wanton and deliberate slaughter of sheep and lambs, just to convince some one else that he ought not run sheep on a particular range is brutality in the extreme.

It ought to be made a penitentiary crime. People in buying mutton should ask, was this mutton raised in Eastern Oregon.

So with beef that is allowed to go to starvation, and stand out in the long cold weeks of snow and famine, as is practiced in many parts of the west. We ought not make such business profitable.

LOCAL OPTION OR NOT.

That is the question in Oregon at the June election. Whether to option or not to option.

At first glance it looks like a very nice proposition in the interest of true temperance, to allow the people to say whether they shall abolish the liquor traffic in any county or city.

But the bill provides if the county carries for prohibition, it shall apply to the whole county, even if a city like Salem should vote the other way.

It is a "heads-I-win-tails-you-lose" arrangement. If one precinct goes dry, that precinct must stay dry, even though all the rest of the county go wet. That is "local" option with a vengeance.

At first the bill looks like an absolute monopoly for the liquor traffic for the drug stores. They alone can sell intoxicants on the prohibitory territory, on a doctor's prescription.

But closer reading would make it appear that under the operations of that bill every druggist in the county would be sent to the penitentiary inside of six months, because that is the only sentence permitted.

No fines, if a druggist sells liquor on a prescription that is obtained on misrepresentation, or if the prescription fends gets drunk according to doctor's prescription.

The temperance people are sincere in this effort to restrict the liquor traffic, but they are mistaken. It is one of those pieces of unwise legislation that sets up a standard of hypocrisy instead of manhood.

It is a fabrication that it might be unlawful to use liquors for medicine, when it is really wrong to use them for a beverage.

BISHOP SPALDING ON STRIKES.

Bishop Spalding of Peoria, a member of the Anthracite Coal Strike Commission, before the House Committee on labor last week, urged the plan of arbitration contained in the Foss bill. The bill provides for a permanent board of arbitration to which shall be referred disputes between labor and capital.

Bishop Spalding said it was not his opinion that the proposed tribunal would never be called upon to determine the question of what is a legitimate profit on the investment of capital. Its province would be to settle disputes as to hours, treatment, and pay of employees by the employer. "I would say," he continued, "as Sherman said of war, that the strike is hell." Men who had been out on strike went back to work injured morally, and not the same men. The Bishop said he did not believe in sympathetic strikes. The strike, he replied, when asked if he would deny labor organizations the right to strike was the one weapon of labor organizations, and to deny that right would be to deny the right to organize, but the great object sought he added, is to bring about peaceful settlements without strikes.

REPUBLICANISM FOR THE PEOPLE.

If President Roosevelt represents anything it is Republicanism for the common people and is the secret of his strong hold on the party and the people of other parties.

This paper modestly tried to show the other day how its advice to pass flat salary laws and keep down appropriations had been disregarded, and how such demands could not be longer disregarded with impunity.

The Republican party is the great dominant party of the people in this state and a Republican is not the less a good Republican if he stands out for reform measures once in a while.

The Pendleton East Oregonian copied our review of the matter and then adds this—and it seems not even inclined to make political capital of The Journal:

"The Salem Journal, one of the leading Republican papers in the state, gives utterance to the following spirit"

ited sermon on the political situation in Oregon.

"It is worth a lot of good hard consideration among all classes and parties, as there are truths contained in its homely arraignment of the dominating party in Oregon, which are vital to the future of the state.

"If such arrangement will drive the Republicans to remedy the wrongs recited in this editorial, then there is no need for further agitation. But if the legislature refuses to heed such calls from the people, then there is a need for a political landslide which will bury forever in Oregon the party which recognizes the existence of the evils named but which refuses to right them in the interests of the people."

As there is no senator to elect there ought to be a chance to conduct a good business session of the legislature in the interest of the common people.

A "STILL" DEMOCRAT.

It seems that Hill has dominated the Democratic—or rather undemocratic—party in the state of New York and after the adoption of a platform in which the vital points are ignored, so much so that it brought forth the following from Congressman Bourke Cockran, a delegate to the convention:

"The inevitable deduction will be that the Democratic party can't agree upon a declaration of anything; that it has adopted a platform of platitudes and then recommended a candidate who can stand for anything or nothing."

Notwithstanding the fact that Tammany controls the city of New York and without Tammany support the democrats cannot hope to carry the state. Tammany was not given a delegate to the national convention with the dominance of Hill and a candidate like Parker, who stands for anything, everything or nothing. But we predict the democrats will nominate a democrat and not one who is "still, very still."

THE IMPURITY OF PURITY.

The so-called Purity League of Portland has dragged more impurity and prurience through the homes of Oregon than all the impurity ever existing in the state.

They have filled the newspapers with the alleged improprieties of the Portland school children, and attracted the prurient curiosity of all the young people and school children of the state to the matter.

What is gained by hanging upon the housetops of all the impurities that may or may not exist?

If a family had occasion to rebuke one of its members for impurity of life, would they air the matter in the neighborhood?

If a neighborhood has a case of illeceutious conduct to deal with is not that neighborhood and the community better off to keep it out of the newspapers?

What benefit is it to the world to know that Rev. Brounger, or Rougher or Bougger, or whatever his name is who was blown in from somewhere, thinks Portland another Sodom or Gomorrah?

There is a limit for exploiting filth and crime and making it matter for sensational pulpit discourse. The motto of the Knights of the Garter,

"Honi soit qui mal y pense" ought to be in the minds of the quixotic gentlemen brandishing the purity lance before the world.

X-RADIUMS

Either Hearst or Parker will receive the Democratic nomination for President, it don't make much difference which. Or it may be Parker and Hearst.

It does not look now as if Bryan would get on the Democratic ticket. If he gets a seat in the convention he will do pretty well.

Should not men who get drunk be deprived of the right to carry a gun?

If Roosevelt wins a few more votes against the trusts, there won't be anything for the Democratic politicians to resolve about.

We notice none of the nominees of the dominant party turning down nominations.

Vote for the direct primary law, but prepare to help change it so it won't be another legislative roadblock like the registration law.

We have planted our spuds. The early cabbage is coming on nicely. The strawberries are in bloom. We are happy as a lark with her mate made and the first eggs laid.

The Salem Journal very nicely demands that the truth be known about the population of Salem by having a special census. That is alright if the Salem papers will agree to abide by the census takers, whether the reporter makes the city the second or third in the state.—Albany Democrat.

We will cheerfully agree to abide by the result.

We notice none of the rest of the "second cities" of the state are anxious to have a census taken, and they are afraid that Salem will take a census. What are you fellows afraid of? Your claim to have as large a population as Salem wouldn't last two seconds if the truth were known.

This is the time for the first "green maple sugar" to arrive from the East.

Ben Hayden promises to vote for Judge Boise under the promise that he will not run for judge after he is 100 years of age. "I say, I say." The Judge promises to be all right at 100—Exchange.

As a mere kid in the eighties, Ben had better not talk too much about Judge Boise, or he will be challenged to a foot race.

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